

In the specification:

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 21 (paragraph 0108) with the following replacement paragraph. The only change is that the well-known alloy Kanthal is clarified with respect to its standard percentage of components.

Applicant's heating elements are specified to be comprised of Kanthal. Applicant defines Kanthal as an alloy comprising aluminum. Further, the aluminum component of Kanthal is stated to be important in forming a surface layer of aluminum oxide. Thus, adding the percentage of aluminum comprising Kanthal is clarifying only.

[0108] The presently available heating element material, Kanthal, is a metallic alloy made of iron containing (apart from iron) chromium (20–30 %), aluminum (4–7.5 %), and trace amounts of cobalt. For high temperature service, this alloy, by its nature, forms a surface layer of aluminum oxide. This oxide is a form of corrosion which then becomes highly protective to the remaining underlying metal. Aluminum oxide (in pure crystalline form, sapphire) is one of the most durable of ceramics. It is this nature of Kanthal that makes it a prime high temperature element material.